

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1 – 9, 12 – 15 and 17 are being amended.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Applicant notes that the Examiner acknowledged a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) to Polish Patent Application No. P-363945, filed December 8, 2003, and confirmed that all certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

IDS

Applicant notes, with appreciation, that the Examiner has considered the information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on May 15, 2006.

All outstanding requirements will now be addressed in the order they appear in the Office Action mailed February 21, 2008.

Claim Objections

5-6. Claims 1 - 17 stand objected to because of informalities cited in the Office Action. Applicant has amended claims 1 – 9, 12 - 15 and 17 as suggested by the Examiner in order to obviate the objection.

7. Applicant notes that the prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r. Pat. 1935).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited. Should an extension of time be required, Applicant hereby petitions for same and

request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission only be charged to **Deposit Account No. 503182**.

Respectfully Submitted,

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